

Central Iowa EMS Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2013

Location: Altoona Fire Station

www.ciemsd.org

Attendees

Rob Light, Urbandale FD

Sean McAndrew, Johnston and Grimes FD

Jerry Whetstone, Altoona FD

Matt Klein, Mercy and Windsor Heights FD

Brian Helland, Clive FD

Becky Swift, IDPH

Rex Heisdorffer, Newton FD

Tony Hakes, Iowa Donor Network

Peg Back, Polk City FD

Frank Prowant, Ankeny FD

John Carter, Polk Co EMA

Amanda Luick, Polk Co ME

David Edgar, West Des Moines EMS

Katy Hill, Iowa Health

Dennis Cochran, Mercy One

Lamar Hudson, Mercy Ambulance

Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Brian Helland at 1806. President Helland thanked Chief Whetstone and the Altoona FD for hosting the meeting. Chili was excellent!
- Last month minutes were approved as typed, motion made by Frank Prowant, Second by Rex Heisdorffer, Motion carried.
- Guest presentation by Tony Hakes of the **Iowa Donor Network (IDN)**
 - 24 hour contact number **1-800-831-4131**
 - Not for profit organ procurement agency

- Approx 120K people nationwide awaiting organs
 - 614 waiting in Iowa
 - Out of hospital referrals added 132 cases last year
 - Up to 100 people can benefit from one person donations.
 - HIPAA complaint and IDN can call with donated organs and tissues to referring agency and patient family.
 - IDN has 24 hours from the first time known alive to make the first incision.
 - IDN will request run report info regarding anything that was done or anything given to the patient by EMS.
 - EMS can call IDN and they will talk to family
 - No referral is immediately ruled out. Each will be assessed by IDN staff.
 - IDN also has donor family services for after care of the family of the deceased person. Family can meet with the recipients if both parties approve.
 - IDN will transport donor to ME's office then return them
 - Recovery suites in North Liberty and Johnston Iowa
 - IDN will work closely with family so funeral arrangements can be carried out.
 - IDN can do site classes for EMS, 1 hr CEH each year.
 - Angela Brower is local contact.
 - Polk County MEs office supports pre hospital notifications. IDN will text MEs office that the notification has been made.
- **Becky Swift, IDPH, discussed the Coverdell Grant and Learning Communities**
 - Goal is to improve stroke triage, transport, and treatment in Iowa.
 - Learning communities Feb 28th, no cost for EMS to attend. Looking at getting CEH's
 - Larger learning community planned for May to cover information from all learning communities held until that point.
 - Information on stroke registry.
 - Goal is to improve patient outcome with collaborative teamwork
 - President Helland discussed the webur contract for data submissions of stroke and trauma information. Goal is to have a system that will have seamless and automatic update of information.
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Lori Parsons, unable to log into system to get numbers. Lori will no longer be Secretary/Treasurer due to a change in job. President Helland thanked her for her service.
 - Peg Back will be taking over as Secretary/Treasurer
- **Training Committee**
 - Refresher; thanks to Mercy for hosting.
 - Thanks to Jim Mitchell, Matt Klein, Brian Helland, and TJ Carroll for all their hard work, including sick call for a lecturer.
 - Income of \$16950 and expenses of \$14400
 - 28 people turned away due to space limitations but only after the official cutoff date.
 - EMS Roundtable and dinner at Ankeny FD on Feb 21 at 1830.
 - CIEMSD website to register
 - Difficult Airway course coming March 9 and 10 at Mercy.
 - \$100 credited back on tuition for CIEMSD member agencies.

- Matt Klein talked on time critical diagnosis series, April 1st. Information will be forwarded on as soon as it is available.
 - Possibilities of EMS being brought in to talk about their side of the story.
- Training Committee meeting Thursday Feb 7th at Ankeny FD for those interested.
- President Helland talked about and demonstrated the audience response system.
 - Add on to PowerPoint, once you put it on a computer, it is there.
 - Way for presenter to have audience vote on items; can be anonymous.
 - CIEMSD has it with installation direction for agencies to borrow. Currently being housed at Clive FD.
- **Operations Committee**
 - Meeting is held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at WDM Station 19.
 - Synergy was sent out via mail.
 - Working on new Synergy
 - David Edgar talked about testing the MCI categories operationally and seeing how they work.
 - Goal to look at it and develop a drill.
 - Real time drill, agencies advise if they are able to participate and test real time responses.
 - April 1st implementation of MCI criteria.
- **Membership Committee**
 - Katy Hill talked about PayPal being used for organizations to renew their membership with CIEMSD. PayPal site possibly to be added to the website.
 - Auto invoice to department for membership from the website was discussed.
 - Invoices have not been sent out to member agencies yet due to potential for website update for payments.
 - President Helland talked about the membership with the National EMS Management association. www.nemsma.org
 - Blog with relevant info and increased buying power due to collaboration with other agencies.
- **Communication Center Report**
 - Peg Back, Westcom, thanked Katy for her in depth follow ups.
 - David Edgar talked about the MCI plan and the lack of training for the PCSO Communications staff.
 - Polk County Fire Chiefs Association to follow up
 - EMA will also work on their training during their committee planning
- **Polk County Fire Chief's**
 - None
- **IEMSA**
 - EMS Day on the hill is Thursday Jan 31st, meet in the rotunda at the Capital at 0830.
 - Talking points for this year's legislation
 - Iowa Cares payment for ambulance transports

- Close the EMS gap that exists; lack of requirement for cities to have EMS coverage
 - E911 enhancements
- **Metro Trauma Committee**
 - No meeting; report next time.
- **Metro ED**
 - Diversions discussed at last meeting.
 - VA diversion daily
 - Doctors are currently making the call on diversions
 - More discussions coming
 - The Metro ERs are really getting full. Reminder that patience is a virtue. They are overworked too.
 - EMS can be directed to triage to drop off patient if rooms are full.
 - Metro EDs do not have a problem if we recommend a west hospital and vice versa.
 - West EDs may divert to downtown
- **EMA**
 - Received the shelter and accessories at the state.
 - Working on exercises and drills
 - Collaboration with operations committee about drills.
- **Polk County ME**
 - Supports the use of the IDN
- **Hospital Reports**
 - Mercy –None
 - Iowa Health
 - See following document
 - Tons of educational materials for open houses, etc.
 - Last Trauma Tuesday tomorrow focusing on Russia. Will continue it in the future.
 - Appreciate the well wishes following the crash of the Mason City Helicopter.
 - Mock drills for STEMI and Stroke Alerts; contact Katy Hill if interested in participating.
 - Iowa Health will be changing its name in April due to out of state purchases.
 - Mary Greeley –None
 - VA –None
- **Member County Reports**
 - Jasper Co
 - Rex Heisdorffer talked about MCI planning
 - Only 3 of the 9 departments have MCI training

- Struggle getting them to participate
 - CIEMSD offered to assist with training
 - EMS grant to Jasper Co to assist with funding ProQA for EMS calls.
- **Old Business**
 - None
- **Upcoming training**
 - HIPPA class for EMS updates; contact President Helland if interested.
 - Class on Tuesday Feb 5th 1300-1500; 2 locations; Altoona and somewhere on the west side.
 - EMS roundtable; CIEMSD website to register
 - Class Thursday Feb 21st; Ankeny FD
- **Announcements**
 - Retirement at Newton FD
 - Hiring process starting in Newton
 - Calvin Swank promoted at Newton FD
- **Next Meeting**
 - Monday March 18th, 2013 at Pleasant Hill Fire Station
- Meeting adjourned at 2030

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News from Iowa Health Des Moines- January 2013

We would love to be a resource for your department

IHDM has numerous types of Community educational materials available for your department to use in community educational events/open house events etc.

Some examples would be: brochures, Pocket guides, safety pamphlets

- Stroke risk factors /ACT FAST pocket cards
- Live a Heart Healthy Life pocket pal tri-fold cards
- Heart Reach Vascular Screening information pamphlet
- o (includes information on Stroke, AAA, and Peripheral Artery Disease)

Call Katy Hill (515-241-6747) for information if you would like to obtain any of these or if you have any other specific needs.

Be sure to stop in during January on Tuesdays for our Trauma Tuesday celebrations. Learn through poster presentations about how Trauma Patients are cared for here in the United States as compared to around the world and have lunch while you are there! Pick up a free t-shirt and other give away items too! Our Last week will focus on Russia-January 29th 11a-1p

****We will continue to celebrate our Level One Trauma Center status throughout the year with ******

TRAUMA TUESDAY TREATS! Visit us every Tuesday at IMMC for a Treat in the EMS break room!

Thanks to all the EMS providers for their words of encouragement and emotional support to the Life Flight crew after the fatal Mason City air medical helicopter crash. It was very close to home and the Mason City Crash was heavy on our hearts. It really meant a great deal to our Des Moines crew to have the support of our EMS community here in central Iowa.

Iowa Health Des Moines continues to conduct a variety of Mock Drills with our pre- hospital providers and emergency department staff. We are always looking for volunteer departments who would like to participate in these drills. If you are interested in being part of an upcoming drill, contact EMS coordinator, Katy Hill at 515-241-6747.

- o Cardiac Alert STEMI Drill
- o Stroke Alert Drill
- o Trauma Alert Drill
- o Contaminated Patient Drill

Community

In order to better understand how our communities are handling cardiac emergencies, we are trying to track a couple of data points with more regularity than in the past.

If you are transferring care of a patient experiencing cardiac symptoms, we would really like to know

- o The onset of symptoms
- o The time of 911 call

This shows us how educated the public is about calling 911 quickly for heart attack and stroke symptoms.